

KING IS A REAL POWER

Edward Surprises the Politicians and Papers.

IS NOT A MERE DUMMY

Takes a Hand in the Formation of Cabinet.

VICTORIA NEVER MEDDLED

Power of Veto Will Be Used when Required.

London, Sept. 23.—The political crisis has taken on a phase which lends to the present situation a historical appearance of almost unprecedented interest. The king has interfered, not unconstitutionally or beyond the powers vested in the crown, but in the line of his prerogatives, to an extent never dreamed of in the Victorian era.

Premier Balfour's continued presence at Balmoral has given rise to much surmise and comment, but the Associated Press is able to state definitely that it is the king's determination not to assent to the formation of a new cabinet until thoroughly satisfied that its personnel and combination is such as to ensure the efficient carrying out of national affairs pending the resumption of parliament. For years previous cabinets were formed or ministerial vacancies filled by the presentation to the sovereign of the names of ministers. King Edward has done away with this tradition. He has spent the last few days in constant discussion with Mr. Balfour as to the advisability from the point of view of the welfare of the nation. Ministers now holding office and those nominated for office have been summoned to Balmoral to join in these conferences and all have been subjected to a degree of interrogation such as has surprised even those who knew King Edward intimately as Prince of Wales. To such an extent is King Edward holding his power of veto in reserve that he is now almost regarded by the inner circles as more the cabinet maker than Mr. Balfour himself.

Though with his usual tact the king has refrained from expressing any political views or infringing the initiative belonging to the ministers, this has not prevented him from expressing his genuine desire, amounting almost to a command, that steps be taken to remedy the scandals in the army, and insisting that the new cabinet shall be one adapted to deal with that question. After the long conversations he has had during the last few days at Balmoral with Lord Lansdowne, Mr. Brodrick, Lord Esher, who was president of the South African war commission, Lieutenant General Sir Kellie-Kenny and other military authorities, the king is said to have expressed the opinion that Lord Lansdowne's record as war secretary was due more to the badness of the system than in virtue than to any defect of Lord Lansdowne's judgment. King Edward has not shared the keen public indignation against Lord Lansdowne aroused by the report of the South African war commission, and after a minute examination of the circumstances he is understood to have consented to his lordship continuing as foreign minister. This decision has not prevented his majesty from telling the ministers that he wanted something done to improve the military machine and he hoped some man would appear who, with the commission's report as a basis, would be capable of changing the system which rendered inefficiency unavoidable. The question of having some general, notably Lord Kitchener, as head of the war office has been keenly discussed at Balmoral between the king and the ministers, but the Associated Press understands that the consensus of opinion was that such an appointment would be interpreted as dictatorship, which the house would not sanction.

Dealing with the surmises on some foreign points the Morning Advertiser today said:

"The king has, in this national emergency, resolved to play the part of a ruler instead of being content with that of a figurehead."

Meanwhile every negotiation for filling the vacancies submitted to the king, who, for the time being, has transformed Balmoral into the political center of the empire, from which several surprises may emanate. Whatever the results may be it can safely be said they will be undisputed.

MISS BRYAN'S WEDDING.

Elaborate Preparations Are Being Made for the Occasion.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 23.—Elaborate preparations are already under way for the marriage of Miss Ruth Bryan to William H. Leavitt, the artist, and the ceremony will be one of the greatest social functions ever given in this city. Several noted men of the nation are expected to be present at the wedding. The prominence of the father of the bride-to-be in national affairs insures the attendance of one or two national leaders of his party. Besides the array of society people and noted persons who will be present there will be a number of persons who have gained fame in the world of art. Artist Leavitt has won distinction in his work and has a host of friends.

BIG REWARD OFFERED.

Four Thousand Dollars for Arrest and Conviction of Gray.

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 23.—Officials of the Burlington railroad and the Adams Express company tonight announced a reward of \$4,000 for the arrest and conviction of the band that held up and robbed the Portland express of the Burlington road six miles north of St. Joseph last night. No trace whatever of the robbers other than the finding of a rifle in the brush near the scene of

TRAGEDY IS A MYSTERY

Bodies of a Man and Woman Found in the Street.

FOUR SHOTS WERE FIRED

Indications Are That Man Killed Woman and Self.

OTHER SHOTS WERE HEARD

Some Mystery Yet Attaches to the Killing.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Early this morning the dead bodies of Harriet Elizabeth Weber and Innocent Thalmann, a marble cutter, were found in Lexington on Lexington avenue just south of Fifty-fourth street. Both had been shot twice and, while there are indications that the man shot the woman and then killed himself there are other features to the case that make it somewhat mysterious. Arthur M. Laurie, with whom the dead woman had made her home, will be held by the police until after the inquest. There is no evidence connecting him with the shooting, but he is detained as a witness. The shots that killed the man and woman were heard by residents of the neighborhood about 1 o'clock last night. No move was made to investigate the shooting, however, and nothing was known of the tragedy until this morning when the bodies were discovered by a newspaper carrier.

The body of the woman was identified in a short time as that of "Mrs. Laurie," but when Laurie was brought to the police station he said that it was not his wife and that he did not know the man whose body was found with hers. "Tonight in going through the effects of Miss Weber an envelope was found addressed, evidently in the handwriting of a man, to the dead man. In seeking Thalmann to find out who he might know of the woman or the shooting, officers identified the dead man as Thalmann himself. No cause is known why Thalmann should have shot the woman but she had told several of her friends the day before of a few who had been following her and of whom she was afraid. Thalmann has a Hebrew countenance, and it is the general theory that he shot her because she refused to marry him.

The woman when found had been shot twice through the left arm and through the breast. Thalmann was shot through the neck and once upward through the chin the bullet coming out at the top of his head. In the man's hands was a revolver with four chambers discharged, accounting for the four shots fired. The people living in the neighborhood where the tragedy occurred declare that more than four shots were fired and one bullet crashed through the window of Mrs. Caswell's at 719 Lexington avenue. Those facts have led the police to believe that there may have been a third party to the shooting, although there is so far no direct proof that such was the fact. The Weber woman was a native of Detroit, having come here from that city several years ago.

FOR SERIOUS CRIMES.

Denver Chief Has in Charge Russell Bolles.

Vancouver, V. C., Sept. 23.—Chief Detective Carberry of Denver, Colo., left this evening for Denver with Russell Bolles, a detective who has been in charge of the Denver police on the charge of having murdered Harold Fridborn, aged 34. The crimes are alleged to have been committed on the evening of December 21, 1901. Accompanying Detective Carberry on his trip here were Florence Fridborn, one of the alleged victims and Town Marshal Willis of Sullivan, Ind., who has known Bolles since she was a child. Last Friday and detained until evidence could be sent from Denver. The detective and his party arrived here this morning and Miss Fridborn positively identified Bolles as the man who murdered her brother and then assaulted her beside his dead body. Bolles at first refused to go to Denver declaring that he would fight extradition proceedings but he finally consented to accompany Detective Carberry, waiving extradition. Bolles denies his connection with the crimes but admits that he was in Denver at the time they were committed.

PEACE IF POSSIBLE.

Mine Workers Will Discuss Question of a Strike.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 23.—A special to the Republican from Pueblo, Colo., says: The annual convention of District No. 15, United Mine Workers of America, which includes Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico, opened here this morning. A number of delegates had not arrived and little work was done. National Organizer Con Keller is present to represent the president, John Mitchell, who is unable to attend. To miners are asking a higher wage scale, an eight-hour day, no discrimination against members of the United Mine Workers, a bi-weekly payday and reforms in mine system of weights. The convention is to take action on a proposition to order a general strike to enforce the demands. The sentiment of the delegates seems to be in favor of a peaceful settlement if possible.

STRIKE IS SETTLED.

Firemen Get More Wages and Engage Some Consideration.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 23.—The controversy between the engineers and firemen and the Great Northern road was amicably settled tonight. Neither the company officials nor the grand officers of the brotherhood would state just what the terms were, but it is understood both sides made concessions. To firemen are

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NOT A WORD YET.

Panama Canal News From Colombia Is Wholly Wanting.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Not a word had been received by Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge, up to 2 1/2 hours tonight regarding the Panama canal treaty. Dr. Herran says he would not be surprised if Colombia should take the initiative steps for a renewal of the canal negotiations along somewhat different lines from that on which the last convention was made. That this is possible, he says, is indicated by the communications which have come to the state department from the Colombian legation to the effect that the Bogota government was anxious to keep alive the canal negotiations. The report from Minister Bessiere indicates that the whole subject has ended in a deadlock.

FIRE AT BEAUMONT.

Beaumont, Tex., Sept. 23.—Fire started today in the east end of the Shore Street district, destroying 47 derricks, and causing a loss estimated at \$125,000. The principal loss was the West-Downey Company. Other losses include the Davy Crockett, Emmett, Land and Jackson-Tobin companies.

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Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept. 23.—A less hopeful feeling prevails today in government circles regarding the general situation although no actual change is reported. The events of the next two days are awaited with great anxiety, and popular feeling is becoming more excited. A largely attended meeting of Macedonian revolutionaries held at Ruschuk, Bulgaria, September 22, adopted resolutions appealing to the Bulgarian government to declare war on Turkey immediately. In revolutionary circles war is believed to be imminent unless Turkey stops measures of the Christians, of which there are no signs at present.

Special significance attaches to the Macedonian meeting at Ruschuk because the resolutions adopted were the first expression of such an emphatic character in favor of war coming from any popular meeting in Bulgaria. Ruschuk is the chief coal town in the country. Resolutions were also passed thanking the pope, the English bishops, the trades union congress and the British and American press for their expressions of sympathy with the Macedonian cause.

Fighting is reported to have taken place near Kotehani, on the frontier, in which the Turks shot 10 men killed and the insurgents suffered a loss of ten. A panic prevails at Kotehani and all business and work is at a standstill. A number of reports of other minor encounters and more atrocities by the Turks continue to come in.

IS HEAVY FIGHTING.

London, Sept. 23.—A special to the Times from Dubnitz, dated Sept. 23, says heavy fighting has been proceeding near the village of Mshino, in the district of Kishinev, five miles from the Bulgarian border. The insurgents numbered 200 under Trenoff and Tchernoff the latter being the man who captured Miss Stone, the American missionary. The Turkish force, which consisted of ten battalions with artillery suffered considerably. The insurgents sent couriers asking for immediate reinforcements.

The Times correspondent at Vienna telegraphs that there are no signs of a truce for believing that the Austro-Hungarian government has abandoned all intention of reviving or extending the Austro-Russian program of Macedonian reform. This decision he says, was probably brought about through German influence.

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- 2. El Reno's Carnival Approaches. Roberts Writes to Washington.
- 3. Hogs Steady at Wichita. Wheat Is Quoted Lower.
- 4. Eagle's Editorial Page.
- 5. Major Powell's Estate Settled. Demented Man Swims River.
- 6. All Grocers Celebrated. Bain Allowed to Give Bond.
- 7. Eagle's Want Ad. Columns.
- 8. Fair Quarters to Be Moved. As to Election of Printer. City in Brief.

100, \$100,000; Norway, and Sweden, \$100,000.

The sessions of the French and Belgian tribunals have closed.

FORBIDS ENTRY OF CATTLE.

Must Have Clear Bills of Health in Wyoming.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Sept. 23.—Today a new proclamation was issued by Governor Chatterton forbidding the entry by rail or otherwise of all cattle, horses, sheep or other live stock without clear bills of health from any government inspectors or inspection upon entering the state, by the state veterinarian or deputies. Notice must be given of intention to enter the state.

GALE CAUSED HAVOC.

Fishing Vessels Return From Grand Banks Much Damaged.

St. John, N. F., Sept. 23.—The gale which raged last Friday caused havoc on the Grand Banks. A number of fishing vessels have returned here damaged and report the loss of men, trawls and fishing outfits. It is feared that some vessels have sunk and others are damaged. Six American, four French and eight Newfoundland fishermen were found adrift in dories and picked up by other vessels were landed here today.

IMPRESSIVE SPECTACLE.

Funeral Services Over a Dead Chinese Official the Occasion.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 23.—One of the most gorgeous and impressive oriental spectacles ever witnessed in America made notable today the funeral services over the body of Tom Kim Tung, military attaché of the Chinese legation in the United States whose death a week ago by gas asphyxiation caused deep mourning among the Chinese in this country.

Coming to an order from the Chinese Six Companies business was suspended today about Chinatown and thousands of Chinese assembled around the consulate.

Tom Kim Tung was a high official in court circles at Peking. Following his recent arrest on a misdemeanor charge he committed suicide.

OIL TANKS COLLIDE.

REPORT IS TERRIFIC AND FLAME RISES HIGH.

Four Houses Take Fire and Are Consumed Quickly.

Zanesville, Ohio, Sept. 23.—In a freight wreck at Norwich on the Baltimore & Ohio fifteen miles east of here this afternoon two oil tank cars collided and exploded. There was a terrific report and a sheet of flame rose 100 feet in the air and spread on all sides. Four houses at the side of the track caught fire and were consumed in a few minutes. The occupants had narrow escapes and lost everything. All trains were detained over the wreckage around the wreck. Workers cannot work on the burning cars and must wait for the fire to burn itself out.

At a late hour tonight a column of flame fifty feet high was shooting upward from the maw of one of the wrecked oil cars. The loss is not very heavy.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 23.—Judge De Haven of the United States District court here today said that there is a former internal revenue employee to five years in the penitentiary for the forgery of Chinese certificates. A motion for a new trial was refused.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 23.—The directors of the Boston and Albany railroad today declared a regular quarterly dividend of two per cent.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 23.—If both sides maintain their present attitude Minneapolis may see a strike at midnight. Today the union submitted a proposition for arbitration. The employing millers said there was nothing to arbitrate and that wages were already higher than paid by competing concerns.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 23.—Chief Wilkie of the United States secret service, arrived here today from Washington to make a personal investigation of the counterfeiting recently brought to light in the state penitentiary here.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 23.—Already the president has begun work on his annual message to congress. The message is to be presented to the extraordinary session will be comparatively brief. The call for the extraordinary session will be issued about the middle of October.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 23.—John Hays Hammond, the famous mining expert who is professor of mining engineering at Yale University, will present in that institution a metallurgical laboratory. The cost of the building will be between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Remer, Mich., Sept. 23.—Annie Wase, aged 34, was shot and instantly killed last night by Ed Miskel, her former fiancé. During a quarrel Miskel shot her in the abdomen and her recovery is doubtful.

THE WEATHER.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Forecast: Kansas—Fair Thursday; warmer in north portion. Friday, fair.

Oklahoma and Indian territory—Partly cloudy and cooler Thursday; showers in central portion. Friday, warmer.

SETH LOW IS NAMED

Fusion of Citizens Select Candidate for Mayor

REPUBLICANS ENDORSED

Issue of Campaign Is an Honest Government.

DEMOCRATS IN WRANGLE

McClellan Likely to Be Their Nominee Against Low.

New York, Sept. 23.—The Republicans and Citizens' Union met tonight, the former at the Grand Central Palace and the latter at Cooper Union, and nominated to head the city ticket the candidates decided on at the conference of anti-Tammany forces: Seth Low for mayor, Edward M. Groot for comptroller and Chas. V. Farnes for president of the board of aldermen. The Republican convention met early in the forenoon and adjourned until evening out of respect to the memory of Frederick S. Gibbs of the Republican national committee, who is chairman of the district delegation.

The platform adopted when the conference assembled declared that the Republicans of New York unqualifiedly endorse the efficient and business like methods of Mayor Low, Comptroller Groot and President Farnes, and declared that every principle of two years ago had been fulfilled in letter and spirit. The issue of the campaign was declared to be the continuance of "this honest, intelligent and progressive administration." The nomination of Mayor Low was voted unanimously, the nomination of the other candidates following.

Frank B. Huntington presided at the convention of the Citizens' Union. It. Fulton Cutting as chairman of the conference committee presented the three names after which the convention adjourned.

WILL MCCLELLAN RUN?

New York, Sept. 23.—Hugh McLaughlin, Democratic leader of Kings county, authorized a statement today in view of the conflicting reports circulated for some time regarding the position of the Kings county Democracy on the proposed nomination of Congressman George B. McClellan for the mayoralty, that he was willing to say that it is true that the Kings county organization regards the proposed nomination of McClellan as undesirable because of Mr. McClellan's intimate relation to the issue of Tammany Hall and the fact that he is well known to the public as a strong man personally.

Should Leader Murphy insist on McClellan's nomination in the face of the opposition of Kings county he would be securing a wholly unnecessary risk at the polls.

Where the reports were as stated in some papers that Mr. Murphy had offered the nomination to Mr. McClellan the veteran leader of the Kings county Democracy said he should have to conclude that Murphy had fallen back on the old Tammany tactics of Tweed's time, "which brought nothing but ruin to the party."

"Kings county," he said, "stands upon nothing except that the nominee shall be a Democrat likely to attract and not repel independent voters; a man whose recognized integrity, whose force of character would furnish assurance to the people that honesty and not graft would flourish under his administration."

TIPS THE SCALE AT 220.